State of California Regional Water Quality Control Board San Diego Region

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT September 14, 2005

ITEM: 11

SUBJECT: <u>Cover sheet for 2nd mailing:</u> New NPDES Permit: City of

Escondido, Industrial Brine Collection System -- Discharge to the Pacific Ocean via the San Elijo Ocean Outfall. Phase I of the IBCS will consists of a 12-inch diameter pressure pipeline that will serve the Palomar Energy Project (PEP). PEP is a 550-megawatt power plant currently being constructed by Palomar Energy LLC, owned buy an entity of Sempra Energy. (tentative Order No. R9-2005-0139, NPDES Permit No. CA0109215) (*Paul J. Richter*)

PURPOSE: To transmit two comment letters, response to comments

memorandum, and the errata sheet.

PUBLIC NOTICE: N/A

DISCUSSION: The City of Escondido submitted a comment letter dated

September 7, 2005. On behalf of the San Elijo Joint Powers Authority, Foley & Lardner LLP submitted a

comment letter dated September 7, 2005.

KEY ISSUES: N/A

LEGAL CONCERNS: None.

SUPPORTING

DOCUMENTS:

- 7. Comment letter from the City of Escondido dated September 7, 2005.
- 8. Comment letter from the San Elijo Joint Powers Authority (SEJPA) dated September 7, 2005. The SEJPA is represented by S. Wayne Rosenbaum, Attorney at Law, Foley & Lardner LLP.
- 9. Response to comments.
- 10. Errata sheet.
- 11. Transmittal letter for Response to Comments and Errata Sheet dated September 8, 2005.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adoption of tentative Order No. R9-2005-0139, NPDES Permit No. CA0109215 is recommended.